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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHODS FOR CLASSIFYING OBJECTS AND IDENTIFYING LATENT CLASSES, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to me to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sections 120, 363 and 365(c) of any international application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any provisional application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date(s) before that of the international application on which priority is claimed:

**Prior International Application(s):**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
			<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PCT/US01/03616	PCT	05/02/2001	[ X ]	[ ]

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below, based on the filing of the International Application during the convention year:

**Prior Provisional Application(s):**

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date (Day/Month/Year)</u>
60/204,773	17/05/2000
60/180,282	04/02/2000

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application listed below. Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the priority application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date(s) of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

**Prior U. S. Application(s):**

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date (Day/Month/Year)</u>	<u>Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned</u>
09/913,498	16/08/2001	Pending

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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